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1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4) (Enc. 4)
SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 3)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Legat Ottawa airtels to the Bureau dated 12-3,6-68.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) report enclosed to re communication contains an interview with one Jean-Marie Charron, co-owner of Neptune Tavern, Montreal, Canada, who states that two men who identified themselves as "newspaper reporters" from the United States exhibited two photographs to him; one allegedly of James Earl Ray, and the other allegedly of "Raoul." To date these "newspaper reporters" have not been identified, and the RCMP is making an all-out effort to identify the reporters, as well as "Raoul."

William Bradford Huie has written two articles for "Look" magazine concerning the activities of Ray and contained in these articles are various accounts of Ray's activities in Canada, as well as photographs of establishments in Canada including the Neptune Tavern in Montreal. The credit in "Look" magazine for the photographs has been given to one James Hansen. The possibility exists that Huie and Hansen are the "newspaper reporters" who appeared in the Netune Tavern.

The Bureau has obtained photographs of William Bradford Huie and James Hansen and enclosed are two photographs each for Legat Ottawa. Legat Ottawa should request the RCMP to exhibit photographs of Huie and Hansen to Jean-Marie Charron, co-owner of the Neptune Tavern in Montreal, to determine if Huie and Hansen were the individuals who exhibited photographs to him; one allegedly being Ray and one allegedly being "Raoul."

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Airtel to Legat, Ottawa
SAC, Memphis
RE: MURKIN

In the RCMP report enclosed to Legat Ottawa airtel to the Bureau 12-3-68, mention is made of newspaper article appearing in "The Gazette" Montreal on November 12, 1968. Legat Ottawa should obtain this article and forward same to the Bureau.

Legat Ottawa's communication under date of 12-6-68 advised that Bruce Taylor, a reporter for the "Montreal Star," interviewed Charron and exhibited two photographs of Ray to him. Mention was made that Taylor was the author of an article which appeared in the 10-31-68 edition of said newspaper. Legat Ottawa should obtain a copy of this article and provide the Bureau with same.

The RCMP should be requested to resolve if possible with Charron whether his comments relative to the two news reporters from the U. S. could possibly refer in fact to the contact with him by Bruce Taylor of the "Montreal Star." The RCMP should also be requested to obtain a copy of the photograph of Ray displayed by Taylor to Charron and forward it to the Bureau. If copy of photograph not available detailed description of it should be obtained.

Enclosed for Memphis is a copy of the RCMP report regarding the efforts to identify "Raoul." This RCMP report is not to be disseminated outside your office, as it is for information only.. Also enclosed for Memphis for information is a photograph of Huie and one of Hansen. Memphis should immediately advise if any information has been received to indicate that two "newspaper reporters" from the United States have been in Canada exhibiting photographs of Ray and "Raoul."

The Bureau does not have any information indicating two "newspaper reporters" from the United States have been in Canada exhibiting photographs.

NOTE:

We have been attempting to identify an individual by the name of "Raoul." According to two articles which appeared in "Look" magazine written by William Bradford Huie, "Raoul" contacted Ray on several occasions and supplied Ray with funds. (Exact reason unknown, not set forth in these articles.) Our investigation as well as RCMP investigation to date has not identified "Raoul," however, Ray and another allegedly that of "Raoul" were displayed by two newspaper people from the United States to the co-owner of the Neptune Bar in Montreal.

It is possible that Huie and Hansen may be the newspaper people that were in the Neptune Tavern in Montreal, therefore, the Bureau instructed the Washington Field Office to check with the Passport Office in the event Huie and Hansen had obtained passports and as a result, photographs were obtained. We are transmitting the photographs to Legat Ottawa and Legat Ottawa is being instructed to request the RCMP to exhibit these photographs to determine if Huie and Hansen were the "newspaper people" from the U. S. displaying photographs. We are also requesting Legat Ottawa to forward two newspaper articles to us mentioned in their communications but not received by us.

Memphis is being furnished a copy of the RCMP report and a photograph of Huie and Hansen for their information. They are also being requested to advise if any information has been received by them concerning the two newspaper people. The Bureau is not aware of any of this type of information; however, Memphis does receive negative type information, which the Bureau would not have.